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CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

The Honorable Bob Henry
Mayor of Nampa
City of Nampa WWTF
411 3rd St. South
Nampa, Idaho 83651

Re: October 8, 2015, NPDES Compliance Inspection
NPDES Permit Number ID-002206-3

Dear Mayor Henry:

On February 1, 1999, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to the City of Nampa, Idaho (City) wastewater treatment facility (Facility), NPDES Permit Number ID-002206-3 (Permit). The purpose of this letter is to notify you of violations the EPA discovered after reviewing our administrative files including the Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) submitted by the City, and in response to an inspection of the Facility on October 8, 2015, by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) on behalf of EPA. The purpose of this inspection was to determine the City's compliance with the requirements of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the NPDES permit. At the time of the inspection, the inspector did not note any areas of concern. I would like to express my appreciation for your staff's time and cooperation during the inspection.

REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE FILES

1. EPA reviewed the DMRs from October 2010 to September 2015 and identified effluent limitation exceedances that constitute 36 violations of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1251 *et seq.* A list of these violations is enclosed (Enclosure A).
2. Part II.C of the Permit specifies that monitoring results shall be summarized each month on the DMR form (EPA No. 3320-1). The reports shall be submitted monthly and are to be postmarked by the 20th day of the following month.

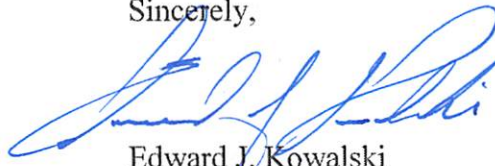
During the EPA review of DMR data from October 2010 to September 2015, it was identified that the City submitted the October 2012 DMR late. The October 2012 DMR was received on January 7, 2013. This is a violation of Part II.C of the Permit.

3. On December 21, 2015, the NPDES Electronic Reporting Rule became effective. Permittees with a DMR requirement will have one year from this date to submit DMRs through NetDMR. Additional information is enclosed (Enclosure B).

Although our goal is to ensure NPDES facilities comply fully with their permits, the ultimate responsibility rests with the permittee. As such, I want to strongly encourage you to continue your efforts to maintain full knowledge of the Permit requirements, and other appropriate statutes, and to take appropriate measures to ensure compliance. Notwithstanding your response to this letter, EPA retains all rights to pursue enforcement actions to address these and any other violations.

I have enclosed a copy of the inspection report (Enclosure C). If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Raymond Andrews of my staff at (206) 553-4252.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Kowalski
Director

Enclosures

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